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NOTE FOR: DCI

SUBJECT: National Intelligence Topics

Bill:

Re your attached memo on the NITs:

While I cannot argue your desire for pinpoint requirements, you are beginning to tamper with a very delicate process, not of our own innovation but upon instructions from Executive Order 12036.

Under that process the NSC Policy Review Committee, chaired by you, is obliged to establish requirements and priorities and review how responsive the intelligence has been to the requirements of the NSC members. The NITs process is the way that that is carried out, under my chairmanship as your designee, with representatives from Treasury, Defense, the NSC and the Joint Chiefs. Oddly enough it is their requirements that are expressed in the NITs. DoD is not represented by DIA but rather by Fred Ikle and Stilwell. Treasury, Commerce and others also have their inputs and it's their expression in broad terms of what they want which establishes the basis for the intelligence people then to take and refine.

That refinement is conducted under the guise of the DCI and DCID 1/2. DCID 1/2 is further broken down to specific command tasking by COMIREX, the SIGINT and the HUMINT committees.

With that said and done and the mechanism working, i.e., DDO having received all this and tasking each station in its operational directives, the day-to-day world takes over and the analyst in the DDI calls up his counterpart on the DDO desk and asks that a cable be sent to acquire specific information against specific needs.

Unless you want to unravel all of the above -- a process that kind of works in a bureaucratic fashion -- I suggest you not preempt the Executive Order instructions.

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John N. McMahon

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